# Crash Test Dummies: How they are developed to help save lives in vehicle crashes





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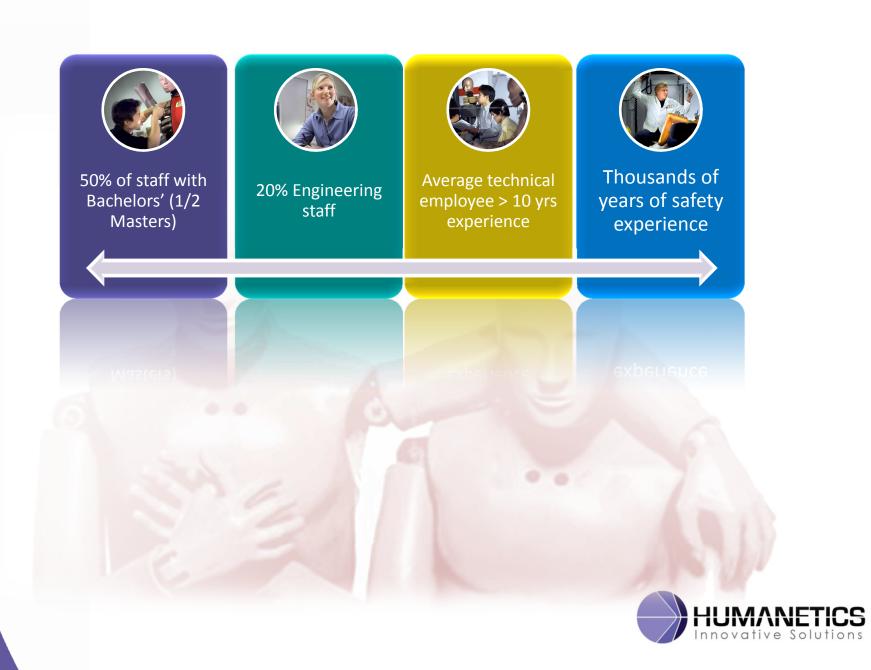
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## Agenda

Anthropomorphic Test Devices (crash dummies) have been designed throughout the years to address different population sizes and weights

Over the years many sizes have been needed to test ejection seats, automotive restraint systems, flotation devices, passenger aircraft seats, child seats, children's playground equipment, sports equipment, etc.... The design of these have used many of the same basic type of design and materials.

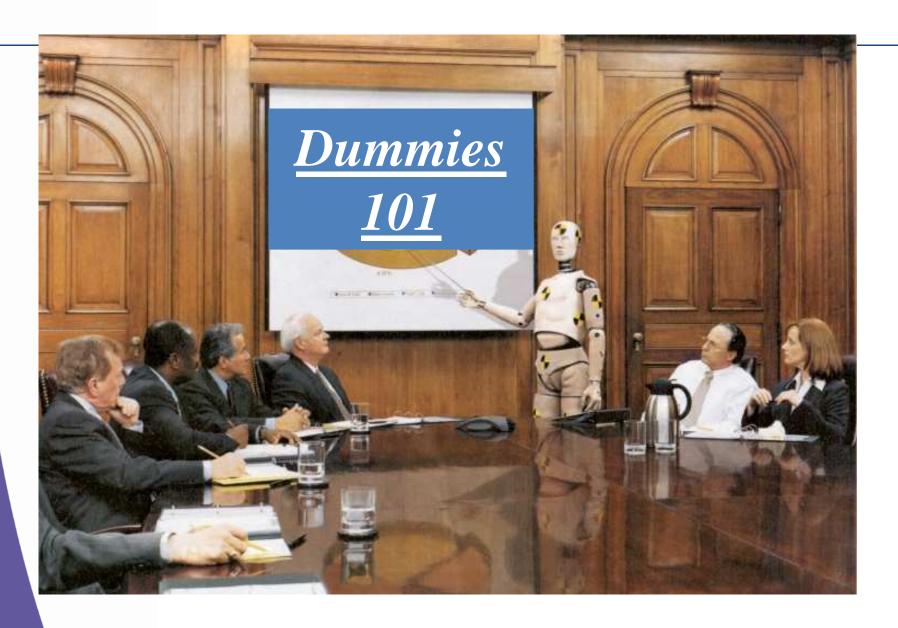






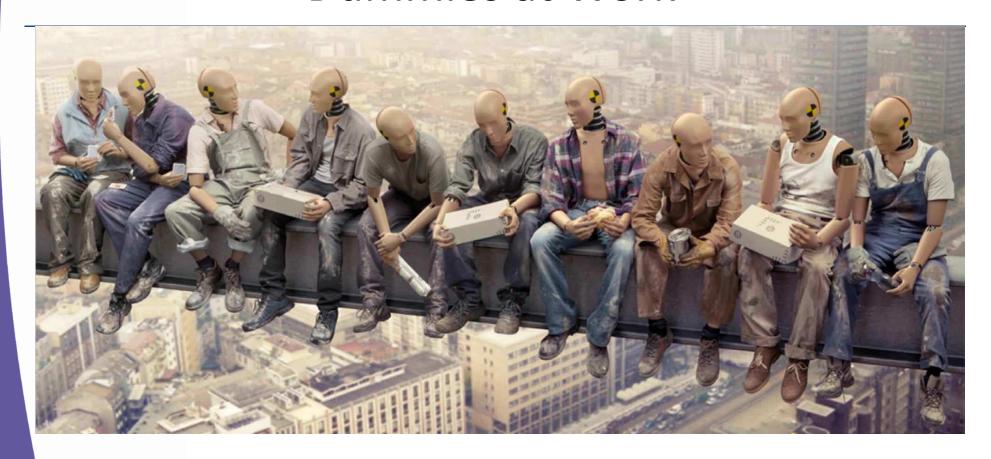


## Anthropomorphic Test Devices (ATD)



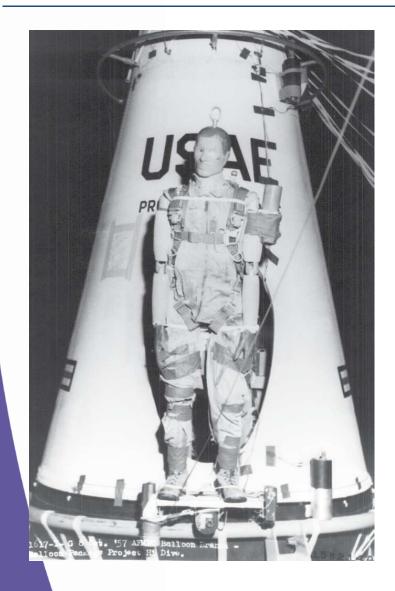


## Dummies at Work





# **Dummy Jump from Space**











# **Ejection Seat Testing**





# Riding the Train







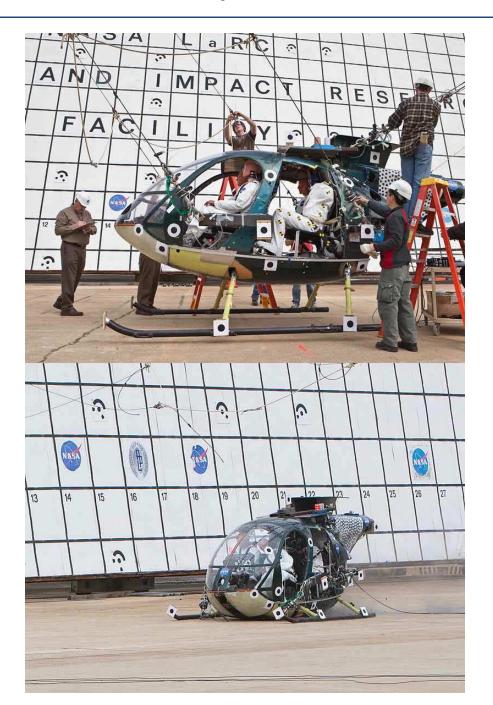
# Taking a Bus Trip



# Plane Crash Testing



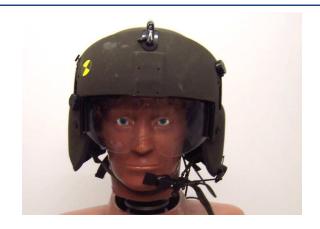
# Helicopter Rides





# Military Blast Testing









## **Live Fire Manikins**

### Hybrid III

- **Additions** 
  - Focus Head
  - Mil Mx Lower Legs
  - Load cells
  - Pressure sensors
- LiveMan
  - Blunt Tramua
  - Vertical compliance
  - Fragment detection Thorax
  - Load cells
  - Pressure Sensors
- AirMan
  - Fragment detection complete body
- Mil SID
  - Side Impact Dummy w/Mil MX legs











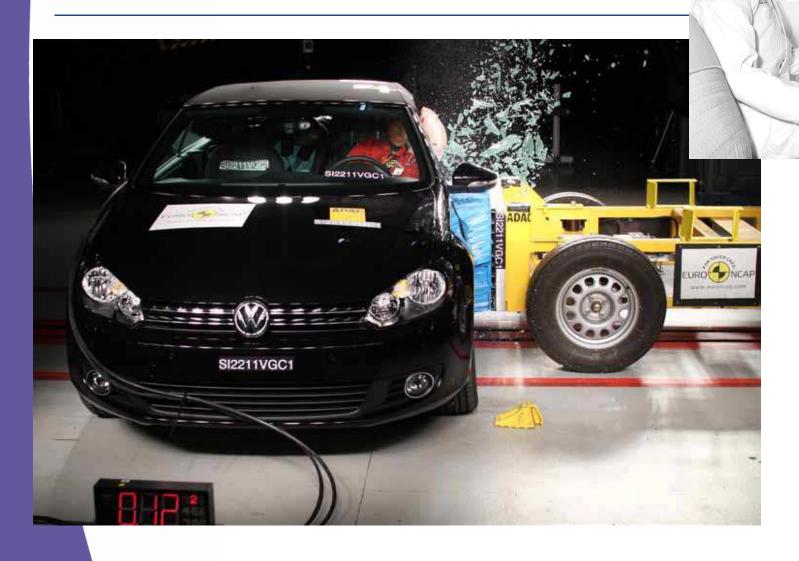
# Rescue Training Dummies







# **Auto Crash Testing**





## Motorcycle and Bike Riders Roller Coaster Rider

- School Bus Safety
- Motorcycle Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- Roller Coaster





# Pedestrian Testing





## Dummies going for a Swim or ride in a Tractor







## What makes a good ATD?

- Weight
- Stature
- Reproducible
- Repeatable
- Costs
- Ability to measure with many transducers
- Biofidelity

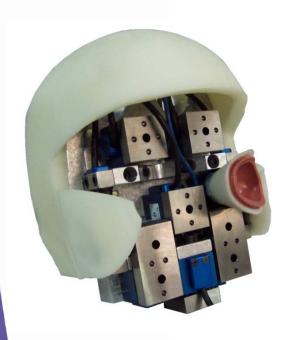


#### Materials: • Quasi-static Properties ATD's • Dynamic Properties • R&D Processes: • Manufacturing Procedures • Inspection procedures Process Controls Quality Assurance: • Incoming Inspection • Component Testing – Dynamic Component Testing – Static Geometry: • Mesh Density **ATD Models** • Source Accuracy Material Properties: • Static Properties • Quasi-static Properties Dynamic Properties Variability Control: Assigned Parameters Materials Geometry Certification Procedures: ATD Cert. • Defined Software: Equip. Analysis Tools • GUI Hardware: • Structure Design Instrumentation • Environment ATD Lab Audit: • Instrumentation Customer • Procedures **Support** • Equipment ATD Cert. Training: • Software • Procedures • GR&R ATD Lab Install: **Instrumentation** Software Equipment

# evelopment Mode

Innovative Solutions

## Measuring for Eye and Face Injuries



Load cell support structure = aluminum

Eye & Zygoma load cells = steel

All other load cells = titanium



Skull - urethane



Skin - urethane



# **Brain Injury?**

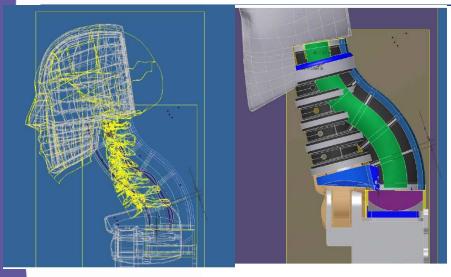


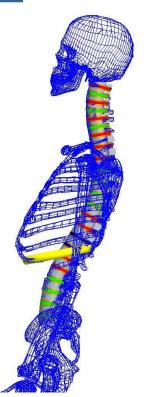






# Measuring for neck and Spine injuries



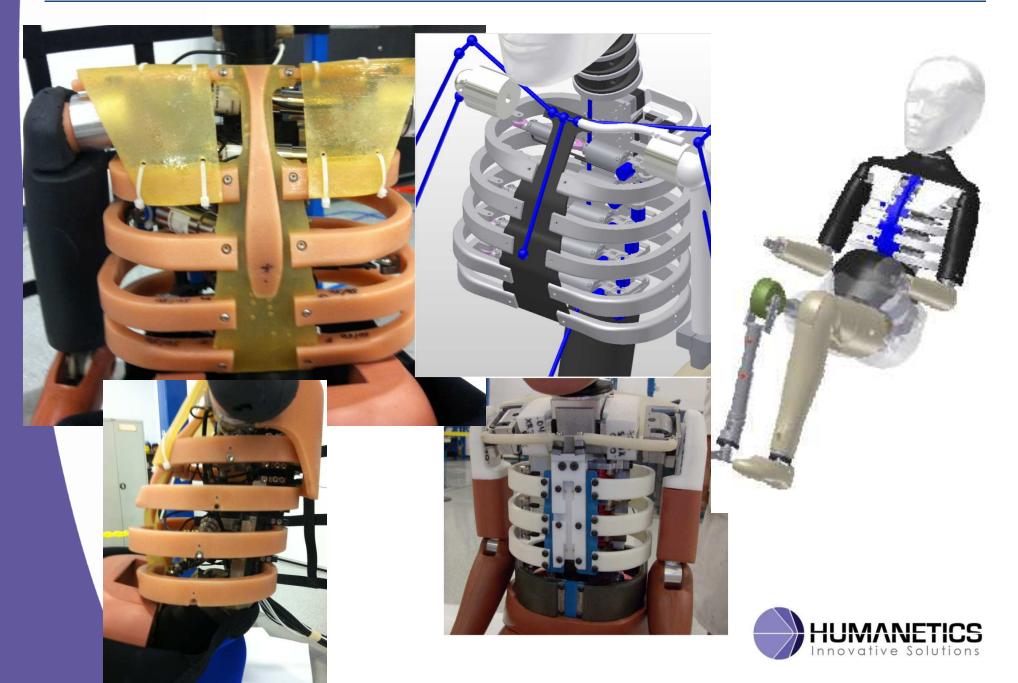








# Measuring for Shoulder and Thorax Injuries



# Measuring for Leg, Tibia, and Foot Injuries







## Three Types of ATD's to Represent a Human



1.Overall size and weight

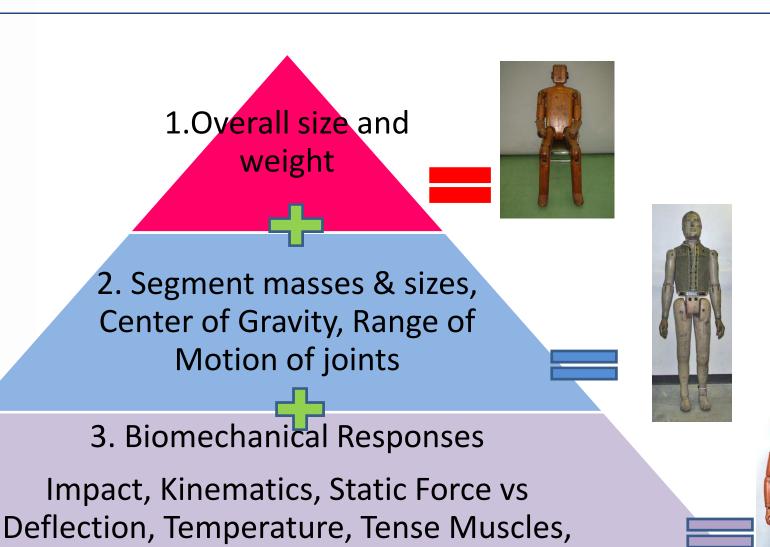
2. Segment masses & sizes, Center of Gravity, Range of Motion of joints

3. Biomechanical Responses

Impact, Kinematics, Static Force vs Deflection, Temperature, Tense Muscles, Etc....



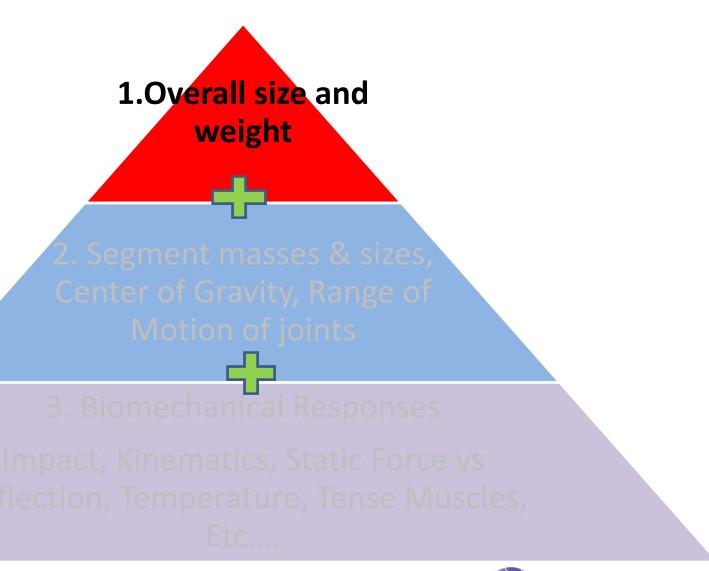
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Etc....

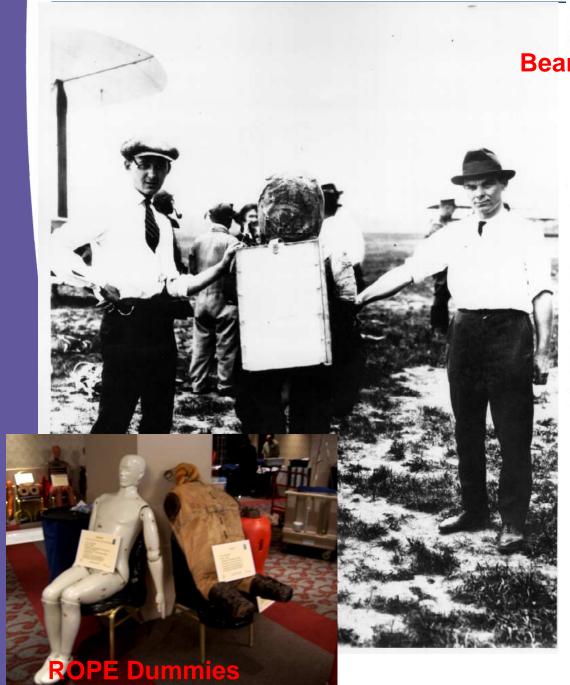


## First Type of ATD's to Represent a Human





## **TYPE 1 ATD's**





Pierre the dummy gives the Aircraft Rescue Crew a chance to polish up their quick rescue techniques

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Foam with skeleton





## TYPE 1 ATD's

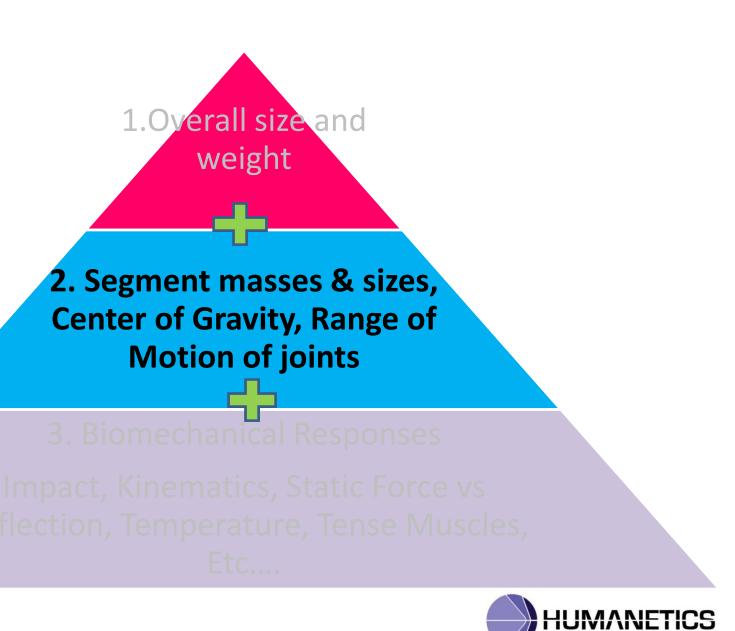




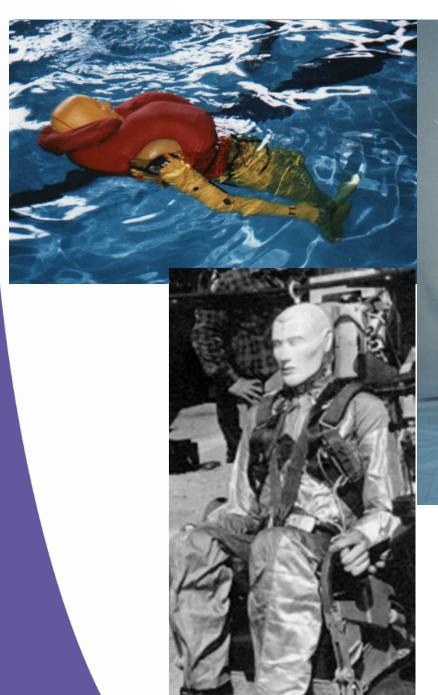




## Second Type of ATD's to Represent a Human



## TYPE 2 ATD's





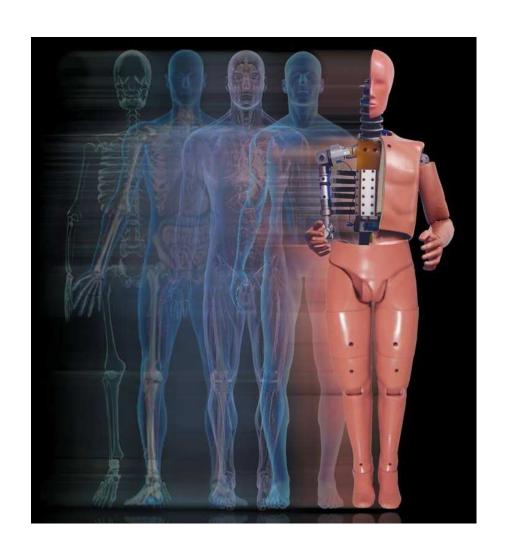




## What do we need to know to develop TYPE 2 ATD's?

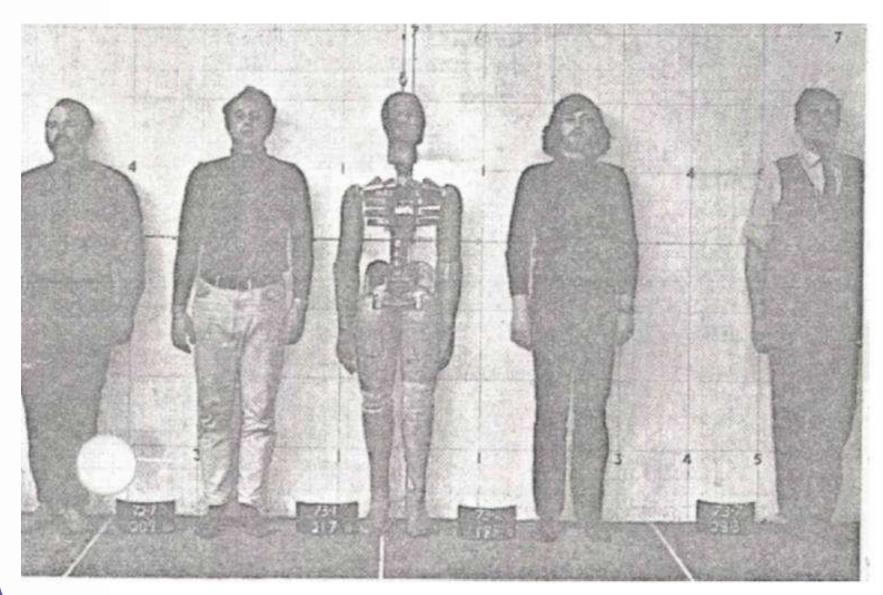
## Detailed Anthropometry

- Segment mass
- Segment CG
- Segment shape
- Segment lengths
- Joint Center locations
- Relationship between skeleton and outside shape
- ROM of joints
- Measurements from different percentiles



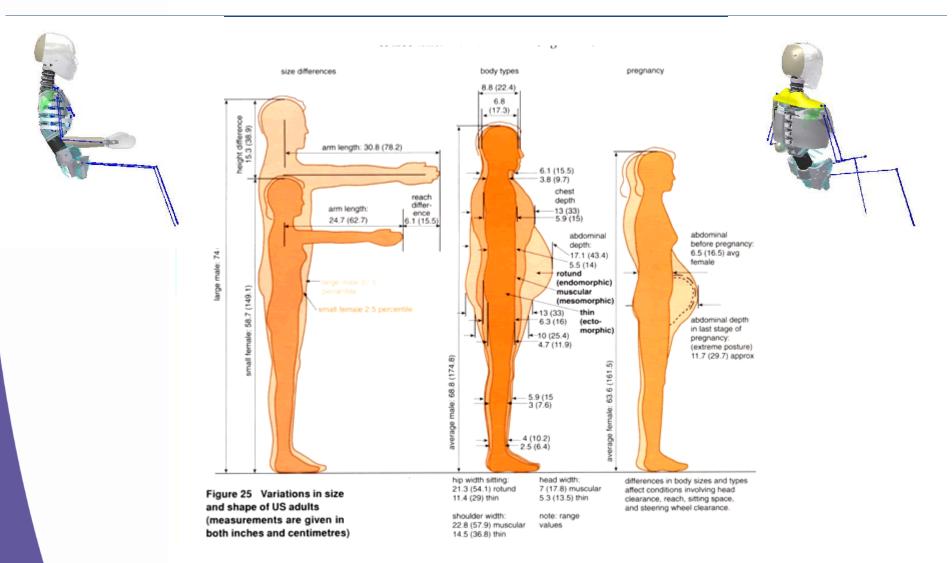


# **Anthropometry**





## How much variation is important?



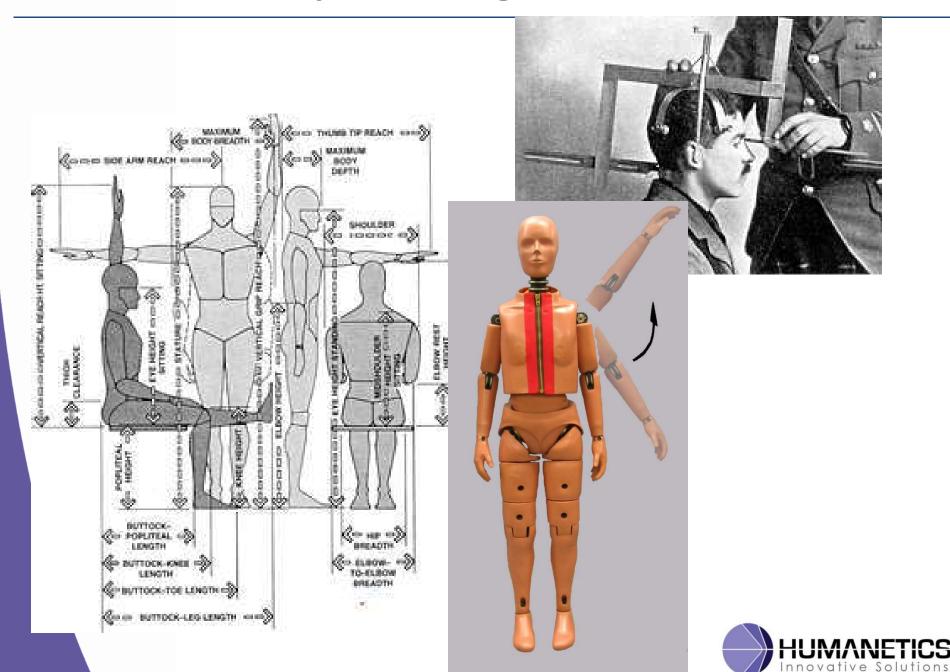


# **Anthropometry Variations?**



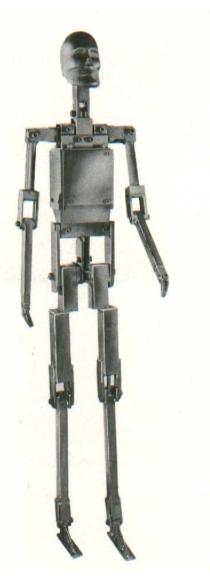


### Size, Shapes, Weight, ROM, etc....

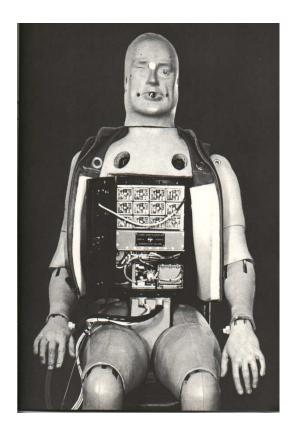


#### **Typical ATD Construction of TYPE 2 ATD's**











### **Rescue Dummies are TYPE 2 ATD's**







### **Typical Design Features**

- Steel Skeleton
- Vinyl Flesh
- Joints to meet ROM
- Segment weights and CG
- Aluminum casting for skulls
- Ability to hold minimum amount of instrumentation
- Design resized for larger and smaller populations





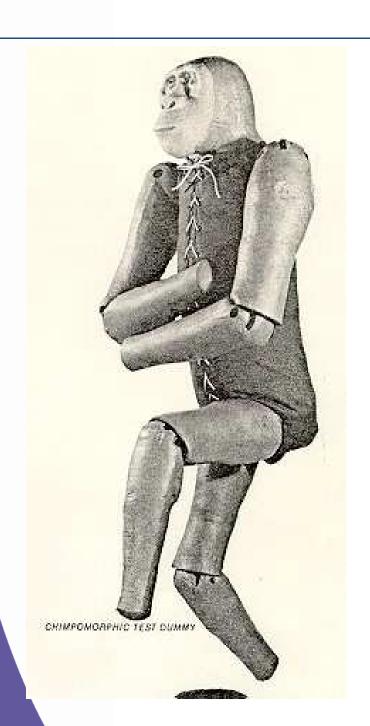


### **Families of TYPE 2 Dummies**





#### CHIMPOMORPHIC!!



Animal Dummies
Chimps

Deer

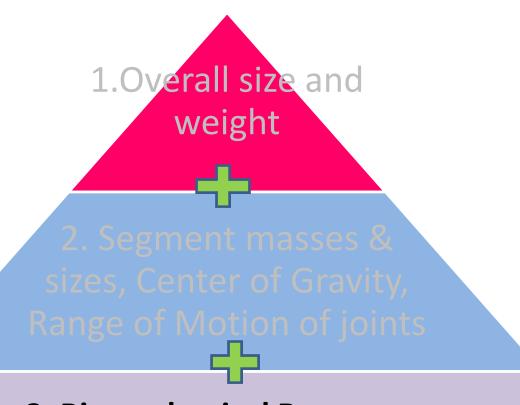
Moose

Elk

Kangaroo



### Third Type of ATD's to Represent a Human



3. Biomechanical Responses

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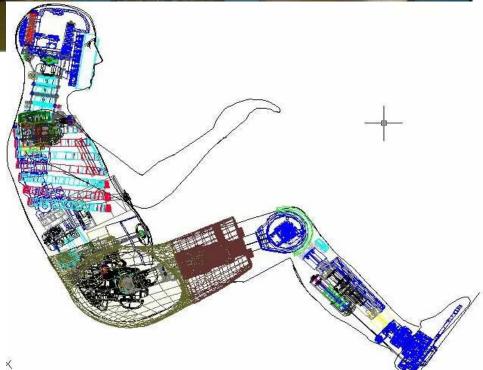


#### What do we need to know to develop TYPE 3 ATD's?

#### Detailed Anthropometry

- 3D Surface geometry and critical landmarks
- Skeleton 3D models
- Joint centers
- Joint range of motions
- Overall Mass, CG and MMI
- Segment mass
- Segment CG
- Segment shape
- Segment lengths
- Joint Center locations
- Relationship between skeleton and outside shape
- ROM of joints
- Measurements from different percentiles





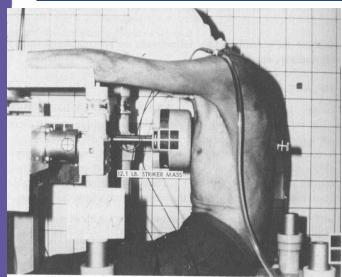
### **Additional Requirement Anthropometry**

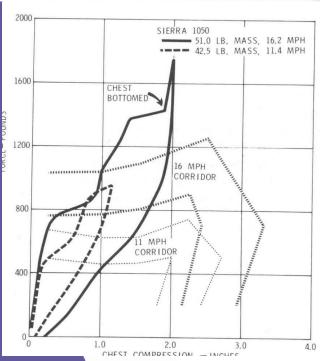
- Bony landmarks for the orientation of skeleton in human
  - Spine shape in various seating postures
  - Pelvis angle in various seating postures
  - Foot, ankle, and leg positions
  - Head & neck positions
  - Clavicle locations

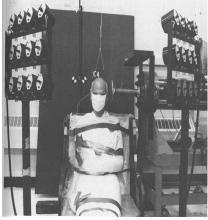




### Human Testing and Establishment of Biofidelic Corridors







- Head, Neck, Thorax, knee, abdomen, pelvis, etc.... was measured to determine dynamic response.
- Corridors for ATD performance developed



### Other Methods of obtaining Human Biofidelity

Seat Belt Measurements in Race Cars
Bumper Car loading of Volunteers
NASCAR/Indy Car On Board Recorders

Football Helmet Recorders
Ear Accelerometers in Rodeo Riders



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#### **Typical Construction of a Current TYPE 3 ATD**

**Biofidelic Neck Impact Rotation** Response







NECK













STANDARD DUMMY

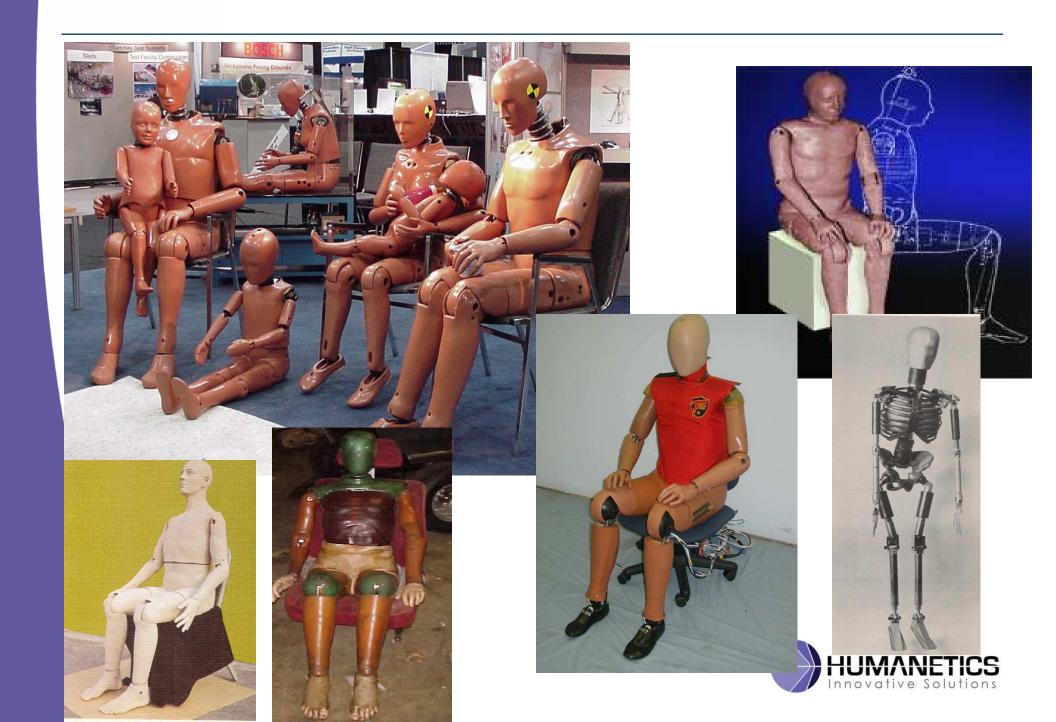


ABDOMINAL INSERT

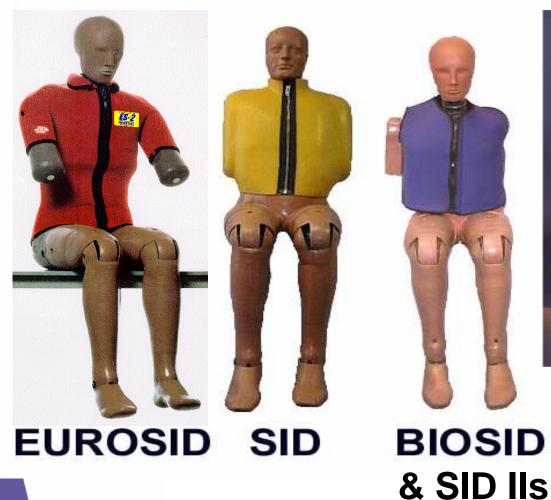
Biofidelic Knee Impact Response

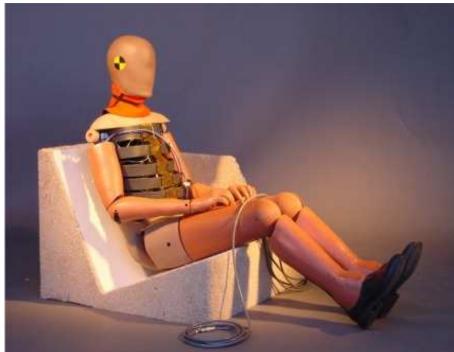


# TYPE 3 ATD Family (Frontal Impact Applications)



### **TYPE 3 Side Impact Dummies**

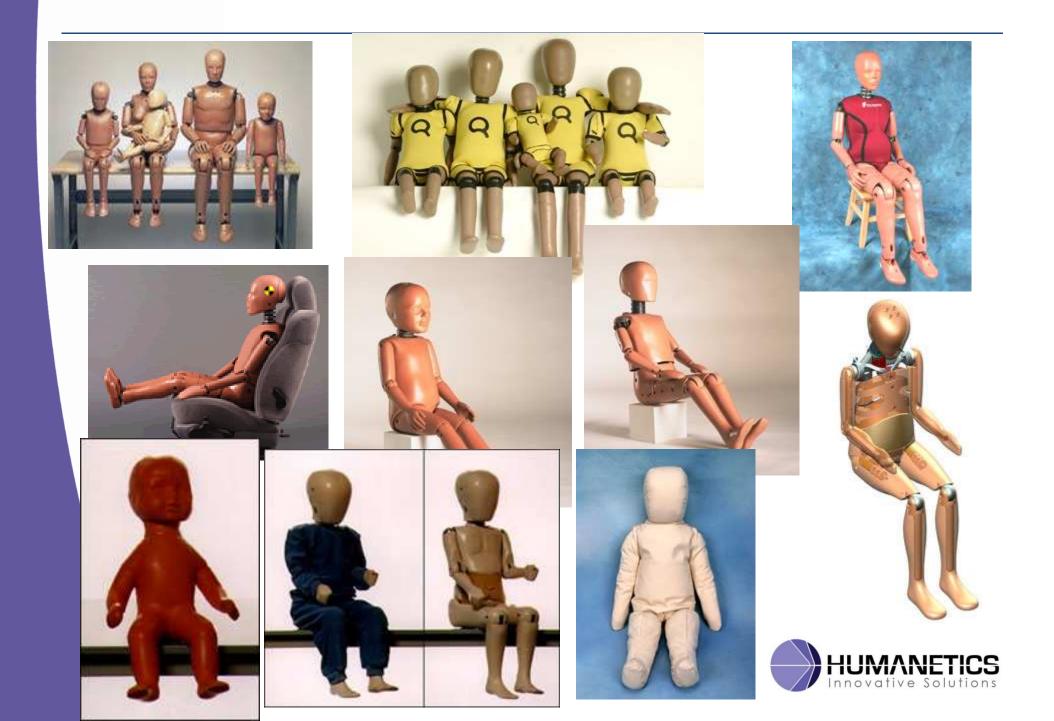




**Small and Mid Sized Worldsid** 



# TYPE 3 Children Dummies



# **Pedestrian Dummies**

H-III6C



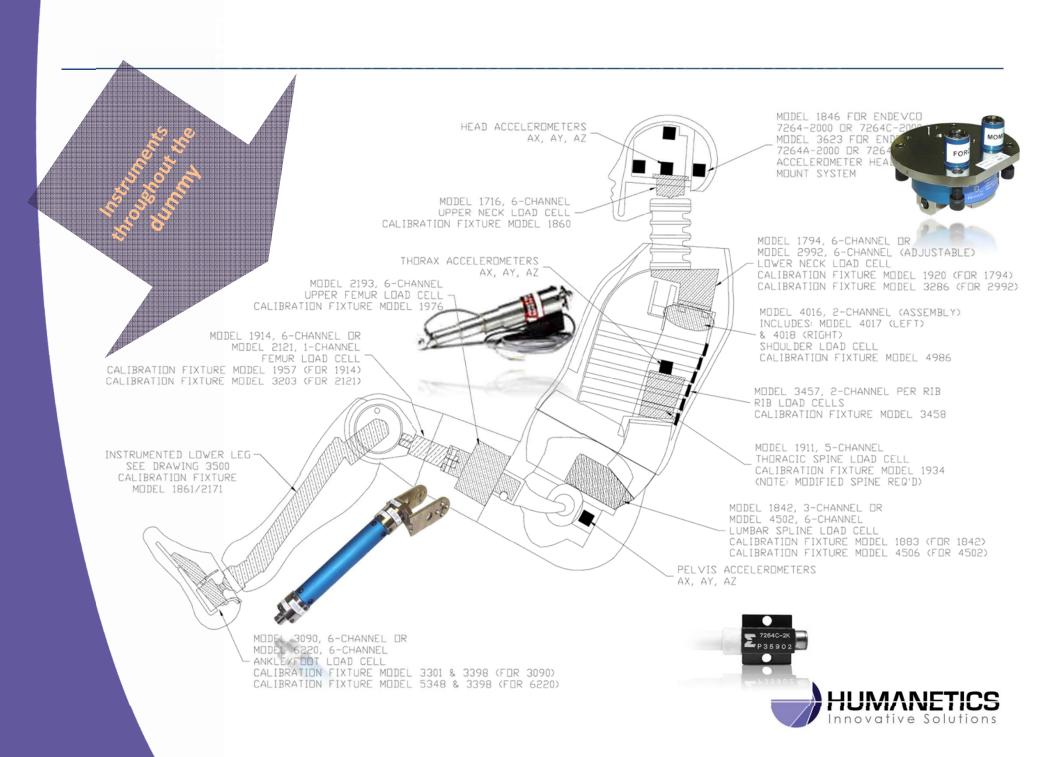
H-III50M

Polar-II









#### How many Different ATD's are currently made?

Frontal Impact – 14

Side Impact – 9

Rear Impact – 2

Children – 26

Aerospace/Military – 16

Pedestrian – 10

General Purpose – 1

70+ Different types plus variations on each one 30,000+ different part numbers



#### What are dummies made from

- Vinyl
  - 10 different compounds currently
- Rubber
  - 30 different compounds currently
- Urethanes
  - 20+ different compounds currently
- Cast Aluminum
- Steel
- Cast Bronze
- Damping material
- Foams



### How do they Cost?

Average price is 36K each

With all the instruments over \$350K each



### How Many Total Dummies Made

- Since 1946, there is estimated to be approximately 8000 dummies made.
- That is an average of about only 123 dummies a year total.



### **Dummy Manufacturing**

- Vinyl
  - 450 + different molds
- Rubber
  - 180 + Different molds
- Urethanes
  - 200+ different molds
- Cast Aluminum & Bronze & Steel
  - -30 + patterns
- Ribs
  - Bending fixtures and heat treat racks for each rib
- Foams
  - 20+ molds for foam products









# Machining





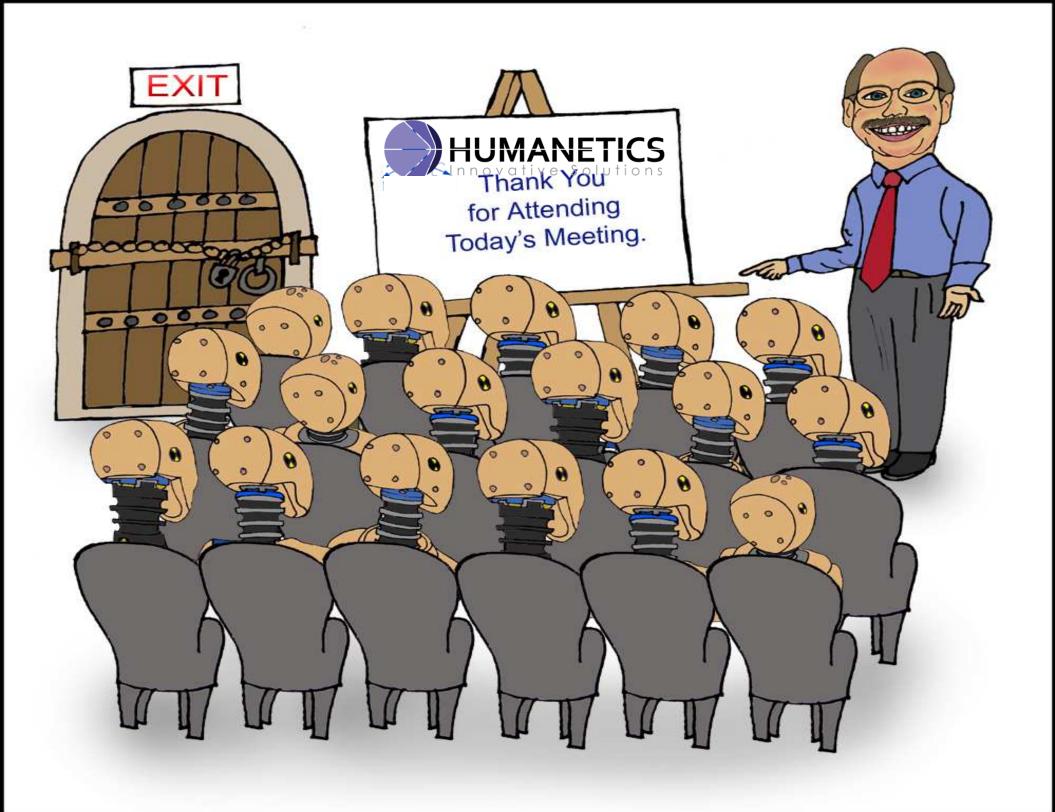
# Molding, Vinyl, Rubber, Urethanes





# **Dummy Testing**





# Have A Safe Day!

